

**State Executive Council (SEC) for Children's Services
Executive Committee
1604 Santa Rosa Road
Hanover Room
Richmond, VA 23229
August 19, 2021**

Present

The Honorable Daniel Carey, M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources (Chair)
Angela Valentine for Valerie Boykin, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)
Brian Campbell for Karen Kimsey, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)
Mira Signer for Alison Land, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and
Developmental Services (DBHDS)
Duke Storen, Commissioner, Department of Social Services (VDSS)
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children's Services (OCS)
Susan Whyte, Assistant Attorney General
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Staff Assistant (OCS)

Welcome, Introductions and Opening Comments

Secretary Carey called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Secretary Carey provided an update on the ongoing pandemic, noting that Virginia is still under a public health emergency.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Mira Signer, seconded by Duke Storen and approved.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Status of Appointments to Vacant/Expiring Terms on the SEC

Mr. Reiner reported that all members eligible for reappointment whose terms expired on June 30 have been reappointed. The local government seat previously held by Mary Biggs is open and the Secretary of the Commonwealth is working on an appointment for that position.

Implementation of the SEC Strategic Plan

- **Proposed Draft of Revised Strategic Plan**

Mr. Reiner presented a draft synopsis of major accomplishments related to the Goals and Objectives for the FY2020-FY2021 Strategic Plan that was approved by the SEC in December 2019. He briefly reviewed the status of the two-year metrics for each of the three goals. Each member also received a draft of the updated Strategic Plan, which incorporates the work-to-date and future plans.

During discussion, members were asked to provide feedback on the draft updated Strategic Plan. Mr. Storen suggested adding a bullet point on capacity and availability of access. This would be included under Goal 3: Empowering Families and Communities, Objective 2 (Successfully implement and sustain evidence based practices). The major accomplishments will

be incorporated into the biennial Progress Report on the Children's Services Act due to the General Assembly in December 2021.

- Family Engagement (Policy 3.3) and FAPT and Alternate Multi-disciplinary Teams (Policy 3.2)
Mr. Reiner reported that Notices of Intent to Develop Policy (for both policies) were presented and approved by the SEC at its June 10 meeting. The Notices of Intent were disseminated for a 45-day public comment period. He noted that no public comments were received.

Both draft policies will be presented at the SEC's September 9, 2021 meeting for the SEC's consideration and approval to disseminate the draft policies for a 60-day public comment period. Based on public comments received during the 60-day comment period, both draft policies could be presented to the SEC for final adoption at the December 9, 2021 meeting.

Status and Discussion of CSA Related Legislation and Budget Items

- CSA/DOE Work group – A work group has been convened to plan for the transfer of private special education funding from CSA to DOE. The work group will meet for the second time next week. A preliminary report is due in November 2021, with a final report due in November 2022.
- HB2212 – Monitoring and assisting low performing local CSA programs. Final interviews are scheduled for the program consultant position to lead this endeavor. A work group including OCS staff and local CSA partners has been convened to develop a methodology for this program area.
- Rate Study – Data collection for the private day special education study has closed. The study consultants will be holding focus groups later in the summer and into the fall.

Agenda Items for September 9, 2021 SEC Meeting

- Implementation Report and Discussion of Updates to the Strategic Plan
- Issuance of Two Policies for Public Comment

New Business

From Mr. Storen for the December 9, 2021 meeting:

- An update on Family First
- Discussion of children who are the most difficult to place

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.